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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Schwegle et al.

Appln No.: 09/843,390

Filed: April 25, 2001

For: AQUEOUS COMPOSITION
USEFUL FOR STABILIZING AND
TEXTURIZING DAIRY PRODUCTS
AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING
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Unit: 1761

Examiner: Wong, Leslie A.

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- Included with this amendment/reply are clean paragraphs/claims and marked-up paragraphs/claims according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.
- A paper requesting correction/substitution of drawings is attached.
- No additional fee is required.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	_____ - _____	** =	0	x \$ 84.00	= \$ 0.00
Total Claims	_____ - _____	* =	0	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 280.00	
** At least 3				Total Additional Fee	\$ 0.00
* At least 20					

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be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency,
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the present application and claims be reconsidered based on the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9-13 without prejudice.

THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a means for reducing or completely preventing uncontrolled protein agglomeration in protein-containing dairy products